

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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James Klahr Executive Director

March 9, 2016

David Woods, City Clerk City of St. Mary 782 3rd Street St. Mary MO 63676

Re: File No. 15-0067-I & 15-0068-I

Dear Mr. Woods:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its March 8, 2016 meeting. The complaint indicates that you cited information distributed by a group calling itself Concerned Citizens of St. Mary during a radio interview, and therefore were involved in this group. Shortly before the radio interview, Concerned Citizens of St. Mary distributed a flyer to encourage residents not to sign a petition to disincorporate the city. Concerned Citizens of St. Mary did not register as a committee with either the Missouri Ethics Commission or the Ste. Genevieve County Clerk. The flyer did not include a paid for by disclosure.

Staff review determined that, while you did cite items raised in the flyer during the radio interview, you had no involvement in the flyer nor did you know who was responsible for distributing the flyer.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the campaign finance laws pursuant to Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

James Klahr

Executive Director